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## EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Ph.D., History of Science, *Stanford University* expected June 2021

- *Dissertation*: “Collecting Independence: The Science and Politics of Natural History Museums in New Spain, 1770–1820”
- *Adviser*: Paula Findlen
- *Committee Members*: Jessica Riskin, Londa Schiebinger, Daniela Bleichmar

M.A., History of Science, *Stanford University* September 2017

M.A., Museum Anthropology, *Columbia University* October 2012

- *Thesis*: “Gardens Within a City: A Study of The New York Botanical Garden and Brooklyn Botanic Garden”
- *Adviser*: Nan A. Rothschild

A.B. *summa cum laude*, History of Science, *Princeton University* May 2011

Certificate in Spanish Language & Culture

- *Thesis*: “The Posthumous Lives of the Giant Sloth: The Megatherium’s Path from Artifact to Idea”
- *Adviser*: Adam Beaver

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## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

San Andreas Fellow and Kenneth E. & Dorothy V. Hill Fellow, *The Huntington* 2019

Emerging Scholar Award, *International Conference on the Inclusive Museum* 2018

Lane Research Grant in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, *Stanford University*

Field Research Travel Grant, *Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University*

Graduate Student Grant, *The Europe Center, Stanford University* 2017

Lane Research Grant in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, *Stanford University*

Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship Program, *National Science Foundation* 2016

Graduate Student Grant, *The Europe Center, Stanford University*

Humanities & Sciences Intensive Language Instruction Grant, *Stanford University*

Lane Research Grant in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, *Stanford University*

Museum Anthropology Scholarship, *Columbia University* 2011  
Horace H. Wilson '25 Senior Thesis Prize in the History of Science, Medicine and Technology,  
*Princeton University*  
Walter Phelps Hall Senior Thesis Prize in European History, *Princeton University*  
Carter Kim Combe '74 History Prize, *Princeton University* 2010  
Lawrence Stone & Shelby Cullom Davis Prize, *Princeton University*

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## PUBLICATIONS

“The Materials of Natural History.” Coauthored with Paula Findlen. In *Worlds of Natural History*, edited by Helen Anne Curry, Nick Jardine, James A. Secord, pp. 151–169. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

“Caricature Assassination: A Political Catastrophe.” In *The Art of Description*, edited by Amanda Glesmann, pp. 38–43. Stanford, CA: Cantor Arts Center, 2017.

“[Dispatches from the Museum Origins Course: The Museum is a Technology.](#)” *The MuseLab Blog*, June 15, 2017.

“[Paris’s New Musée de l’Homme: Then, Now, Tomorrow.](#)” *JHIBlog*, September 19, 2016.

“[Félix de Azara: Drawn from Life.](#)” *JHIBlog*, June 29, 2016.

“[Speaking for the Trees.](#)” *NYBG Plant Talk*, May 27, 2015.

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## TEACHING AND SERVICE

Archivist, History Graduate Community Memory Project, *Stanford University* June 2018–  
• Manage and maintain digital, MySQL-based repository of historical materials by and for fellow graduate students.

Co-organizer, History of Science and Technology Workshop, September 2016–  
*Stanford University*  
• Oversee graduate student-led workshop that meets three times per quarter to discuss invited speakers’ work.

Research Assistant, Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts, November 2018–March 2019  
*Stanford University*  
• Developed Winter 2019 seminar, HISTORY 205J/305J/ARTHIST 225/425: *Wonder, Curiosity & Collecting: Building a Stanford Cabinet of Curiosities*, with Professors Paula Findlen and Susan Dackerman.

Teaching Fellow, Department of History, *Stanford University* January–March 2018  
• Developed and taught Winter 2018 undergraduate Sources and Methods course, HISTORY 7S/ARTHIST 278S: *Stanford Collects: A History of Collecting*.

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, *Stanford University* September 2016–March 2017

- Winter 2017, HISTORY 44/144: *Women and Gender in Science*, with Professor Londa Schiebinger.
- Fall 2016, HISTORY 40A/140A: *The Scientific Revolution*, with Professor Jessica Riskin.

Research Assistant, Department of Iberian and Latin American Cultures, *Stanford University* March–December 2016

- Developed and co-taught Fall 2016 undergraduate course, ILAC 127E/HISTORY 263D: *Junipero Serra*, with Professor Lisa Surwillo.

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## MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

Computer History Museum Mountain View, CA  
Instructor, *Community Programs* October 2016–

- Lead hands-on activities during weekend Design\_Code\_Build educational programs for middle schoolers.

Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts Stanford, CA  
Art++ Copywriter January–June 2016

- Created interpretive content for Art++, an Augmented Reality application developed with Stanford Engineering students for use in galleries and featured in the *Art++ Technology and Art Lab* exhibition (July–September 2016).

New York Botanical Garden Bronx, NY  
Interpretive Specialist November 2012–June 2015  
Interpretation and Evaluation Assistant May–October 2012  
Interpretation Intern January–May 2012

- Researched and developed content for signage, audio tours, and mobile experiences for permanent collections and special exhibitions.
- Earned 2014 Gold MUSE Award from the American Alliance of Museum's Media & Technology Professional Network for *Wild Medicine* augmented reality mobile app.
- Managed and executed short- and long-term interpretive projects including writing, editing, routing for credits and approval, design, production, and installation.
- Led writing of successful proposal for \$150,000 Museums for America grant from Institute of Museum and Library Services for 2017 exhibition, *What in the World is a Herbarium?*

American Museum of Natural History New York, NY  
Asia Hall Intern January–May 2012

- Conceptualized presentation of natural history themes, including domestication and climate change, in to-be-remodeled permanent hall.
- Researched history of mammal hall and compiled relevant archival materials.
- Assessed condition of mammal dioramas in current hall and in museum holdings.

The Newark Museum  
Natural Science Intern

Newark, NJ  
June–August 2010

- Planned and wrote proposal for outdoor garden exhibition on healthy eating.
- Reorganized bird and fossil collections in 83,000-specimen natural science collection.
- Monitored butterfly activity in museum garden by species.

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## DIGITAL HUMANITIES COLLABORATIONS

Graduate Research Assistant, Stanford Family Interpretive Project,  
Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis, Stanford University

October 2018–

- Create data sets from archival materials in order to develop visualizations for a public exhibition at the Cantor Center for Visual Arts in fall 2019.
- *Project Lead:* Jessica Stewart

Researcher, Natural Things Project, Stanford University

May 2016–

- Founding member of digital humanities research group in global natural history.
- Employ digital tools, such as GIS, network analysis, text analysis, and 3D scanning and printing, to trace how natural objects took on new meaning through the rise of modern science.
- Awarded 2018 project grant from Stanford’s Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis. Co-supervised undergraduate researcher in winter and spring quarters.
- Organized, as part of a 3-person team, History of Science Society 2017 annual conference panels on “Natural Things and Their Environments: Early Modernity” and “Natural Things Beyond Their Environments: Modernity and Alienation.”
- Develop and maintain [project website](#).
- *Faculty Advisers:* Paula Findlen, Jessica Riskin, Londa Schiebinger

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## INVITED TALKS

“Collecting Independence: The Science and Politics of Natural History Museums in New Spain, 1770–1820.” Stanford Working Group in Literary & Visual Culture (Stanford, CA, December 4, 2018).

“Collecting Independence: The Science and Politics of Natural History Museums in New Spain, 1770–1820.” Stanford Interdisciplinary Research Group for Latin American Studies (Stanford, CA, May 15, 2018).

“Experts, Informants, Environments: Global Nature Studies in a Digital Age,” with Mackenzie Cooley, Duygu Yildirim, and Dhara Yu. CESTA Seminar Series (Stanford, CA, April 17, 2018).

“Global Nature Studies: Natural History, Local Knowledge, Transimperial Connections,” with Mackenzie Cooley and Duygu Yildirim. History of Science Seminar, Institución Milá y Fontanals–CSIC (Barcelona, Spain, December 11, 2017).

“Making Herbaria Matter at the New York Botanical Garden, and Beyond.” Unleashing and Confronting Stories of *Bildung*, University of Copenhagen (Denmark, December 5, 2017).

“Sleeping Giant: The Megatherium and Spain’s Awakening to Natural History.” Herbert Aptheker Undergraduate History Conference, Columbia University (New York, NY, April 12, 2011).

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Indefatigable Azara: A Spanish Naturalist in South America.” Annual Conference, Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (Tempe, AZ, February 15–16, 2019).

“Collecting Independence: The Science and Politics of Natural History Museums in New Spain, 1770–1820.” Stanford-Harvard Conference: Objects in Theory, Theory in Objects (Stanford, CA, December 10, 2018).

“Art++! Collaborative, Open Source App Development @ Stanford.” Eleventh International Conference on the Inclusive Museum (Granada, Spain, September 6, 2018).

“Indefatigable Azara: A Spanish Naturalist in South America.” Annual Conference, Society for Social Studies of Science (Sydney, Australia, August 31, 2018).

“Mapping Objects, Mapping Science: New Methods of Early Modern Natural History,” with Mackenzie Cooley and Duygu Yıldırım. Global Natural History Around 1800: Collections, Media, Actors, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen (Germany, December 9, 2017).

“Learning from Landscapes: The Dreamworld of the Diorama.” Imagined Forms Symposium, Center for Material Culture Studies, University of Delaware (Wilmington, DE, November 17, 2017).

“The Posthumous Lives of the Giant Sloth: The Megatherium’s Path from Artifact to Idea.” Annual Conference, History of Science Society (Toronto, ON, November 11, 2017).

“Learning from Landscapes: The Dreamworld of the Diorama.” Curating History Workshop, European University Institute (Florence, Italy, October 11, 2017).

“Art++! Collaborative, Open Source App Development @ Stanford,” with María del Carmen Barrios Giordano. Annual Conference, American Alliance of Museums (St. Louis, MO, May 9, 2017).

“Cultivating Collaboration: Augmented Reality App Development at Stanford University,” with María del Carmen Barrios Giordano. Annual Conference, Museum Computer Network (New Orleans, LA, November 4, 2016).

“Translating the Latin: Making Plant Science Accessible and Intelligible through Effective Exhibitory.” Annual Conference, American Public Gardens Association (Denver, CO, June 26, 2014).

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## WORKSHOPS

New and Emerging Studies of the Spanish Colonial Borderlands, The Huntington (San Marino, CA, March 16, 2018).

Göttingen Spirit Summer School, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen (Germany, July 24–29, 2017).

Museum Origins, Kent State University (London & Oxford, UK, March 26–April 4, 2017).

Göttingen Spirit Summer School, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Göttingen (Germany, September 5–10, 2016).

Dresden Summer International Academy for the Arts, Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden (Germany, August 27–September 3, 2016).

Exhibiting Skills, The Huntington (San Marino, CA, February 5–11, 2014).

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#### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

[“Featured Graduate Student Research: Anna Toledano.”](#) The Europe Center, May 23, 2018.

[“FRIDA KAHLO: Art, Garden, Life | Behind the Scenes.”](#) YouTube video, 1:26, May 14, 2015, posted by “New York Botanical Garden.”

[“Exposición de orquídeas en Nueva York.”](#) CNN video, 2:02, March 18, 2015.

[“The Orchid Show: Chandeliers – Behind the Scenes.”](#) YouTube video, 1:16, February 26, 2015, posted by “New York Botanical Garden.”

[“Groundbreakers: Great American Gardens and The Women Who Designed Them.”](#) BronxNet Open video, 4:51, May 21, 2014.

[“Garden News – What’s New at The Holiday Train Show.”](#) YouTube video, November 22, 2013, posted by “New York Botanical Garden.”

[“Kiku: The Art of the Japanese Garden at the New York Botanical Garden.”](#) *Time Out* video, 2:31, September 30, 2013.

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#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Alliance of Museums

American Historical Association

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies

History of Science Society

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#### **SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

*Languages:* English (native), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate), German, Latin, and Hebrew (beginner)

*Travel:* Traveled abroad to over 80 countries on 6 continents.